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Michigan September 1 Crop Forecast

Rainfall throughout August improved soil moisture levels and high humidity allowed crops to recover from recent dry weather, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. This report is based on conditions as of September 1, 2016. Some highlights of the Crop Production Report are as follows:

- The average corn yield in Michigan is expected to be 157 bushels per acre, down 5 bushels from 2015, but up 5 bushels from the August 1 forecast.
- For soybeans, a yield of 47 bushels per acre is expected, down 2 bushels from last year's record high, but a 2 bushel increase from last month's estimate.
- Sugarbeet producers expect a yield of 31.0 tons per acre, unchanged from last month, but down 0.7 tons per acre from 2014.
- Nationally, corn production is forecast at 15.1 billion bushels, up 11 percent from last year but down less than 1 percent from the August forecast. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 174.4 bushels per acre, down 0.7 bushel from the August forecast but up 6 bushels from 2015. If realized, this will be the highest yield and production on record for the United States. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 86.6 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast but up 7 percent from 2015.
- U.S. soybean production is forecast at a record 4.20 billion bushels, up 3 percent from August and up 7 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average a record 50.6 bushels per acre, up 1.7 bushels from last month and up 2.6 bushels from last year. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at a record 83.0 million acres, unchanged from August but up 1 percent from last year.
- National production of sugarbeets for the 2016 crop year in the ten major producing states is forecast at 35.8 million tons, down 1 percent from the previous forecast but up 1 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.14 million acres, down slightly from the previous forecast and last year. Expected yield is forecast at 31.3 tons per acre, a decrease of 0.1 tons from the previous forecast, but an increase of 0.4 tons from last year.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Michigan and United States: 2014 - 2016

Commodity	Michigan			United States		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Corn, all						
Planted1,000 acres	2,550	2,350	2,500	90,597	87,999	94,148
Corn, grain						
Harvested1,000 acres	2,210	2,070	2,160	83,136	80,749	86,550
Yield Bushels	161.0	162.0	157.0	171.0	168.4	174.4
Production 1,000 bu	355,810	335,340	339,120	14,215,532	13,601,198	15,092,908
Soybeans						
Planted1,000 acres	2,050	2,030	2,150	83,276	82,650	83,688
Harvested1,000 acres	2,040	2,020	2,140	82,591	81,814	83,037
Yield Bushels	42.5	49.0	47.0	47.5	48.0	50.6
Production 1,000 bu	86,700	98,980	100,580	3,927,090	3,929,160	4,200,985
Sugarbeets						
Planted1,000 acres	151.0	152.0	149.0	1,162.5	1,159.8	1,161.7
Harvested1,000 acres	150.0	151.0	148.0	1,146.3	1,145.4	1,144.0
Yield Tons	29.3	31.7	31.0	27.3	30.9	31.3
Production 1,000 tons	4,395	4,787	4,588	31,285	35,359	35,810